

CONNECTICUT EMS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE,  
A COMMITTEE OF THE CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

**APPROVED** minutes for: March 8, 2010

Location: Suffield Volunteer Ambulance  
205 Bridge Street, Suffield, CT

**Attendance:** R. Corrigan, A. Groux, P. Grusauskas, P. Heavin, S. Kosciusko, R. McKeon, D. Moore, S. Mudge, J. Paretzky, E. Phillips, S. Wright. The Chair welcomed Emerson Phillips representing Weston Volunteer EMS to the Volunteer Committee.

**Guests:** S. Detwiler, G. Wiemokly (OEMS)

1830-1900 Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association conducted a tour of their new building and reviewed the operations. 1500-1600 calls yearly, paramedic service with 76 volunteers and few paid staff. About 25,000 volunteer hours in 2009. Their new building was erected in 2007, modern up-to-date and a show case for EMS in CT.

Meeting called to order at 1905 by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

Minutes for January 11, 2010 at the State Police Academy, Meriden, CT-  
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**Chair report**

Draft changes to current regulations –copies of proposed changes to EMS regulations given out and a review of comments submitted to the Advisory Board.

The Chair review some of the major comments received: Staffing requirements, EMS-I changes, add the Advisory Board in several places. Chair reports regs concerns received from various individuals and a few organizations about requirements to take A-EMT and EMT-P courses, EMT-P's that are EMS-I's that will have to test at the level they are teaching, medical control issues, why does the hospital have to be the one for medical control that we transport the majority of patients to, should we raise the age of EMR to 16?

The chair requested comments on the proposed regs changes so the Advisory Board can include them in the discussions.

Chair distributed a report dated 2/5/10 from OEMS Licensing and Certification showing the status of EMS Personnel by profession. Gary was asked if there is a way to know how many licensed/certified EMS personnel are actively working/volunteering in the state. Gary indicated that with the

budget issues there is no program to provide that information. The Chair stated that one of the goals of the committee and the Advisory Board is to push for an independent study of EMS in CT that would include, staffing requirements and a review of personnel active in EMS.

The chair reported on the activities of the Advisory Board and reported that Bruce Baxter, chair of the Data Committee made a presentation to the Board on the status of the e-PCP project. While the completed report is about one year away, it was pointed out that services can use the data they have from their run reports, without waiting for a state-wide report. Bruce pointed out that a few services had started training programs based upon the type of calls they were running.

Regional Councils are working on combined projects for cost efficiency CT OEMS report distributed and Gary explained that DPH/OEMS has not achieved 100% data submission as yet. Dr. Teel is working on identifying those services not submitting and taking corrective action. A forum for standards of care during prolonged health emergencies is being held at various locations in the state the link is: [www.ct.gov/dphstandardsofcare](http://www.ct.gov/dphstandardsofcare)

The Connecticut State Stroke Conference- Stroke in the Young Adult (18-50 yrs) will be held in New Haven on May 21, 8:15AM to 3:45 PM. The link is: [NIA.FLICK@HEART.ORG](mailto:NIA.FLICK@HEART.ORG) or 518 869-4058 518 869-4058

The Advisory Board is looking for nominations for state EMS awards.

The next committee meeting will be held on May 10 at Weston Volunteer Fire Department Station TWO 234 Lyons Plain Road Weston CT 06883 at 6:30 PM

The June meeting will be held at the Rocky Hill Volunteer EMS on June 14th

Phil Heavin, Secretary

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